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for many years and until his death. (This notice should have appeared in THE ANNALS for April, 1897.)

MRS. MARIA JONES HAY, daughter of Gen. George W. Jones, was born at Sinsinawa Mound, Wisconsin, April 26, 1839; she died at Dubuque, Iowa, June 21, 1897. She was educated at the Academy of the Sisters of Charity, B. V. M., near Dubuque, completing her studies at Patapsco, Maryland, and at the schools of the Misses Anables in Philadelphia. She received a thorough musical education and was especially devoted to the art. Returning to Dubuque, she became the organist of the Catholic Cathedral, organizing and conducting the large choir. She was married to Dr. Walter Hay of Chicago, May 30, 1872. Mrs. Hay then became organist and conductor of the choir of St. John's Catholic church in that city. She took an active part in musical entertainments in the cause of Catholic charities both in Chicago and Dubuque. She returned to Dubuque in 1890, where she resided up to the time of her death. She organized in Dubuque "The Sherman Circle," a literary and philanthropic society, of which she was the first president, and was also an active member of "The Dubuque Ladies Literary Association." Mrs. Hay was a lady of rare culture and intelligence, as noted for her brilliant social qualities as for her active charities and great public usefulness. She was riding out with two of her lady friends when the horse ran away while descending one of the steep bluffs. Mrs. Hay was thrown from the carriage and instantly killed. Her death was mourned as a public loss.

MRS. JUDGE GEORGE G. WRIGHT was born in Saratoga county, New York, August 15, 1820; she died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Stone, in Sioux City, June 27, 1897. Her maiden name was Hannah Mary Dibble. She came to Van Buren county, with her father's family, in 1837, and on October 9, 1843, was married to the late Hon. George G. Wright, who became one of the most distinguished of Iowa jurists and statesmen. Her father, Hon. Thomas Dibble, was one of the leading men of Van Buren county. He was elected to our second Constitutional Convention, which met at Iowa City, May 4, 1846, and held the responsible office of County Judge under the old law which was changed in 1860. He had also served in the New York legislature before coming to Iowa. Judge and Mrs. Wright celebrated their golden wedding in 1893. It was a notable gathering of pioneer citizens from all parts of the State. Mrs. Wright traveled extensively in Europe, with some of her children, about the year 1889. She was a leading member of the Red Cross in Iowa in war times, active in all good work for the health and comfort of the soldiers, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Women, and President of the Board of Managers of the Women's Christian Home, Des Moines. She was a woman of marked intellectual power, highly intelligent, and an independent thinker.

PROF. J. C. GILCHRIST, was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, in 1831, of Scotch parentage; he died at his home near Laurens, Iowa, August 12, 1897. He was well known throughout the State as an educator. For forty-three years of a busy and active life he had been closely connected with the educational work of this and other States. Coming to Iowa in 1871, he has since been identified with the school work of Mason City, Sioux City and Algona. His efforts to secure the establishment of the Iowa State Normal School at Cedar Falls were untiring, and when the Sixteenth General Assembly founded the institution he became the principal, retaining the position for ten years. He gained a wide reputation as a teacher, especially interested in normal schools and institute work, and also as a lecturer and writer on educational topics. Although Prof. Gil-

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